

Coast Guard Station  
Cape May Point, Cape May County, New Jersey

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Owner: Government of the United States

Date of Erection: About 1887

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - wood piling

Exterior walls - frame  
construction, vertical  
siding

Interior walls - beaded  
boards

Inside brick chimney

Roof - pitch with  
dormers

#### Historical Data:

It is claimed, although we have found no definite proof, that this building was originally assembled in Chicago and transported to Philadelphia where it was set up and exhibited at the Centennial exhibition in 1876. It was afterwards dismantled and reconstructed on the east side of Mt. Vernon Avenue and moved to the west side in 1935. The earliest log at the station is dated 1877. It may be that there is an earlier one, but it has not been found. Just south of the station stands the old light

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house built about 1846 and a short distance away stands the new light house. The land upon which this station stands was originally the "Cape May Plantation" of John Stites, mariner, who purchased it in 1740 from the West Jersey society. He left it to his elder son Richard who in turn conveyed it to his elder son John from whom the government purchased in 1822.

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